ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEATLH for the YEAR 1948.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW ROMNEY.

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors:-

The area of the Borough is 1509 acres.

The Resident Population was 2201 according to the Registrar General's returns.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1948, according to the Rate Books was: 785.

The rateable value was £17,250.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £68 (cash basis).

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS:-		Males.	Females.	Total.
	Legitimate	18	23	41
	Illegitimate	1	2	3
		19	25	44.

This gives a Birth Rate of 19.9 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 17.9 per 1,000.

Birth Rates for the past five years were:-

	New Romney.	England & Wales.
1944.	23.68	17.60
1945	18.18	16.10
1946	23.09	10.10
1947	22.39	20.50
1948	19.90	17.90
Average:	21.45	16.44

There were two Still Births.

DEATHS:-	Males.	Females.	Total.
	7	8	15.

This gives a Death Rate of 6.81 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England & Wales was 10.8 per 1,000.

The Death Rates for the last five years were:-

	New Romney.	England & Wales.
1944	14.38	11.60
1945	13.28	11.40
1946	10.83	11.50
1947	10.93	12.00
1948	6.81	10.80
Average:	11.24	11.46

Deaths from Puerperal causes:- Nil.

Deaths from Cancer.	Nil.
" " Measles.	Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	Nil.
" " Tuberculosis.	1.

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles.	3.
Scarlet Fever.	5.
Erysipelas.	1.
Diphtheria.	Nil.
Tuberculosis.	Nil.
Polio	Nil.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R.A.H. SIMPSON.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

This is supplied by the Littlestone & District Water Company throughout the Borough.

Samples have been taken for both Chemical and Bacteriological Examination and found to be satisfactory.

2. SEWERS.

Great difficulty has been experienced with the silting up of the Outfall on the Foreshore. As this is used jointly by the Estate Developer and this Authority, effectual land drainage has been impossible and consequently, considerable local flooding has occurred. This Corporation has freed the Outfall on several occasions, but it is felt a more practical solution is required, such as pumping the effluent.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Cesspools are emptied thoughout the Area free of charge.

House refuse is cleared once a week. A special drive in the collection of Waste Paper has had good results.

4. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Premises inspected.	No. of Inspections.
Accumulation found.	1
Animals Kept.	
(a) Piggeries.	1
(b) Stables.	-
(c) Fowls, pigeons etc.	2
Complaints.	
Total number investigated, (All premises)	32
Dairies.	
Cowsheds.	-
Dairies.	-
Milk Shops.	6

	No. of Inspections.
Disinfection.	
Number of houses disinfected.	2
Number of other buildings disinfected.	-
Disinfestation.	
Number of houses.	1
Number of other premises.	-
Drainage.	
Number of drains found choked.	21
" " " defective.	2
" " " tested.	6
Dwelling Houses.	
Number of Inspections re. Repairs.	21
Re-inspections.	6
Number inspected re. overcrowding.	2
Number found dirty.	2
Number found verminous.	1
Infectious Diseases.	
Visits re. Scarlet Fever.	-
" " Diphtheria.	-
" " Other Diseases.	2
Factories.	
With mechanised power.	4
Without " "	-
Bakehouses.	6
Food Premises.	
Butchers' Shops or Stalls.	21
Preparation of Potted Meat etc.	5
Fruiterers.	16
Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops.	2
Restaurant or Cafe Kitchens.	3
Samples of milk taken for Bacteriological Examination.	
Satisfactory	-
Unsatisfactory.	-
Miscellaneous Visits.	
Number of visits not otherwise classified.	26
Building Byelaws.	13
Shops Act.	9
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	15
Water Supply.	
General.	-
Water Samples taken (Chem)	3
" " " (Bact)	3

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD.

The following is a list of foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1948:-

Fish.	15 stone.
Corned Beef.	228 lbs.
Other Foods.	
Pudding Mixture.	17
Semolina.	6 lbs.

Mr. F. Simmonds the Sanitary Inspector to this Council for 33 years retired at the end of July, 1948 and I took over as a temporary appointment.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

T. HOPE.

Acting Sanitary Inspector.

October, 1949.